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LEHI WATER DEPARTMENT RECOVERS LOST WEDDING RING

Workers Able to Recover Ring from Sewer Pipes

Lehi, Utah | July 11, 2013 – Most of the daily activities conducted by Lehi's Water Department are fairly routine in nature, but once in a while Lehi's water workers are able to make a real difference in residents' lives. This was the case recently when a Lehi resident had her wedding ring flushed down the toilet by her young child.

Lehi Water Department employee Weston Winters responded to the call from the distressed mother, and he instigated action that allowed the department to find and save the ring. Weston and his crew ran a snake down two sections of the sewer mainline and found the ring near the second downstream manhole from the residence. After locating the ring, the crew brought in a vac truck and washed the ring the rest of the way to the manhole. Once they forced the ring to the manhole, another worker (equipped with confined space entry equipment) was able to retrieve the ring.



Lehi Water Department employees working on the secondary water system.

"Over the years we've had the opportunity to retrieve personal articles for residents, and it's always rewarding when we are able to successfully return valuable or sentimental items to someone who is afraid they've lost something forever. It's a good feeling to know that we were able to utilize our training and experience and be of service," said Weston Winters.

Todd Munger, Lehi's Public Works Director, added, "I really appreciate the efforts Wes and his crew put into retrieving this very special piece of jewelry. It would have been so easy to simply say 'sorry, ma'am.' As it turned out, a very special memory, that will undoubtedly be the topic of many family reunions, was preserved because of a little extra effort put forth by a group of hard-working employees."

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